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This is a sketch of the
panels for a conference to
support 11-4 that we are
planning for early November.

Have tentative ^{STAT}
lined up. This of course gives
you some sense of the questions we
have in mind for the estimate,
although it is not a TOR.
SP, GPF and EUR have seen
preliminary draft. Comments
welcome.

Date

- TOM

3 August 1988

FRAMEWORK FOR CONFERENCE ON SOVIET STRATEGY TOWARD THE WEST

General issue for the conference: To what extent are fundamental changes occurring in the way Moscow approaches relations with the United States and the West?

I. GORBACHEV'S STRATEGY TOWARD THE WEST

-- to what extent are Soviet objectives and strategy toward the West changing under Gorbachev? How do they assess the West and the nature of the threat it presents? How do they see current trends in the correlation of forces? How competitive a relationship do the Soviets want? How much cooperation? Are they seeking a respite from the competition or a sea change in relation rethinking the basic ideological tenets approach to the United States and the W objectives toward the NATO alliance and in Europe? What role does the Soviet military power in achieving its objectives under Gorbachev?

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This looks good as

II. MILITARY DOCTRINE AND ARMS CONTROL

How do the Soviets assess the likely nature of change with the West and how are they preparing for change under Gorbachev? What are the parameters of changes in declared doctrine such as non-winability of nuclear war, the concept of "defensive sufficiency" and the notion of "defensive" Soviets rethinking the size and nature of conventional forces they believe are necessary for security requirements? In what way do these changes affect Soviet arms control strategy? How do arms control objectives and strategy under Gorbachev? How do they see arms control negotiations as they evolve? How do we expect Soviet policies on strategic arms control negotiations to evolve over the next years?

a way of organizing the subject matter. How's the "logistic" side going?

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III. COMPETITION IN THE THIRD WORLD